

LONG TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY

JOINT TASK FORCE

Meeting Notes

March 6, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES

NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION	NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION
Rocky Milliman	ADECA LTCR	Corlis Floyd	ADECA LTCR
Jeff Byard	AEMA	Stephanie Southerland	ADECA LTCR
Benjie Abbott	AEMA	Al Jones	ADECA CDBG
William (Bill) Lokey	Witt O'Brien's	Amanda Phan	Witt O'Brien's
Tim Payne	AEMA	Lorilei Sanders	ADECA Workforce Initiatives
Benny Harris	AEMA	John Olsen	FDIC
Ken Hollingsworth	ADECA Workforce Investment	Joey Hester	NARCOG
Stan Hale	USDA RD	Paul Smelley	DHR
Amanda Hill	AL Historical Commission	Elliott Waters	Conservation & Natural Resources
Liz Cochran	ADECA Energy Division		
Via telephone:			
Mike Shafer	CAPNA	Pam Clay	DeKalb County EDA

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome

- Rocky Milliman, LTCR Coordinator, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

Accept Meeting Notes

- The notes from the January 16, 2013, meeting of the Joint Task Force were approved as written.

Status of Community Projects

Stephanie Southerland, LTR Community Liaison, provided the following update with respect to the status of projects in each of the communities.

Cordova

- Bids for the demolition of downtown buildings in Cordova are due by noon on March 12. Once the bid is awarded, demolition will begin within a few weeks. The contractor will have sixty days to complete the project.

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- The Grocery Store project is in the design phase. A meeting with the engineer and architect was held Tuesday.
- A fundraising event is scheduled for April 27. Bo Jackson will be “Biking Bama” again--this time in Walker County.

Hackleburg

- The newly constructed Wrangler Plant is complete. Its workforce has returned to the job site and the company expects to hire additional employees in the coming days.
- Discussions continue with a prospective grocer.

Holt

- A community festival is scheduled for April 13. As a part of the festival, an UA professor is coordinating a project entitled “The Faces of Change,” which will be presented in an effort to gain community support for the building of a new high school. The current school is over 50 years old.
- As part of their greening project, Holt in Action sponsored a well attended event where they distributed trees and bulbs for planting.
- The local community is still interested in operating a foundry (multi-purpose) center and continues to work to see that goal accomplished.
- Holt has a tremendous need for a community storm shelter.

Jeff Byard of EMA pointed out that the need for a storm shelter in Holt would have to be a priority in Tuscaloosa County’s Mitigation Plan in order to be addressed.

Phil Campbell

- The town is in the process of acquiring adjoining property to its memorial park.
- A grant has been awarded for the building of a splash pad which will be constructed inside memorial park.
- A concert and fundraising event is planned for May 6.
- A local volunteer purchased a building and has agreed to donate a portion of the building to use as a free clinic for individuals that have no insurance. The town is looking for a dentist, optometrist and a psychiatrist who would be willing to see patients on a voluntary basis once a month.

EMA – EOP Discussion

- Jeff Byard of EMA reported that EMA is committed to developing/drafting an annex to its Emergency Operations Plan to address state recovery issues and procedures that will mirror the national disaster recovery framework.
- Along with Jeff, Benjie Abbott, Tim Payne and Benny Harris will work with Alabama’s other disaster recovery stakeholders to develop this plan.
- EMA plans to send out a questionnaire to all pertinent state agencies that asks “what your agency currently does or can do” when a disaster occurs. All the information will be organized and incorporated into and become a part of the above-referenced annex to EMA’s EOP.

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- EMA's goal is that every citizen in Alabama is ensured that state services continue to be available to them even in the event of a disaster.
- The final plan will be made available for reference to all stakeholders, including state and local government and county EMA officials.
- EMA will be hosting a statewide recovery workshop on May 14-16, 2013, in Prattville, Alabama. Over 2,000 invitations have been extended for this workshop.

Witt O'Brien's (Strategic Plan Discussion)

- Bill Lokey and Amanda Phan of Witt O' Brien's discussed the status of the strategic plan and asked leads of the Recovery Support Functions, in coordination with support agencies and organizations, to review the objectives and actions listed in their respective annexes to determine resources, funding requirements and project priorities. A Work Plan Worksheet (adapted from the Greensburg, Kansas Post-Disaster Recovery Plan) was provided to document information regarding objectives and actions. Once complete, determinations will be made regarding the timeline and personnel responsible for completing stated objectives.
- Documents attached hereto for review: Section 4 and Annexes A through D, Draft Alabama LTCR Strategic Plan and Template: Work Plan Worksheet.
- Stakeholders are encouraged to provide additions, corrections or suggestions to the Strategic Plan by emailing Bill Lokey at WLokey@wittassociates.com or Amanda Phan at APhan@staff.jlwitt.com.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the task force is scheduled for April 17, 2013. A notice will be emailed to task force members approximately 10 to 14 days prior to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.